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SUBJECT: FOOD SUPPLIES IN KISHINEV

1. SUMMARY. RAPID SURVEY OF KISHINEV FOOD SUPPLIES BETWEEN 9:00 AND 10:00 A.M. FEBRUARY 6 FOUND SUPPLIES OF MEAT MODERATE, BREAD ADEQUATE, AND FRUITS AND VEGETABLES VERY SHORT. END SUMMARY.

2. MEAT STORE AT CORNER OF FRUNZE AND GOGOL STREETS AND MEAT SECTION OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES PAVILION IN CENTRAL MARKET ON ARMYANSKAYA BETWEEN LENIN AND OCTOBER 25 STREETS BOTH CARRIED MODERATE SUPPLIES OF PORK AT 1.76 RUBLES PER KILO. POTATO PAVILION AT CENTRAL MARKET WAS SELLING PIGS' HEADS AT 40 K. (WITH FEW TAKERS) AND TWO VARIETIES OF HEAD CHEESE AT 50 K AND 1 R. PER KILO. GROCERY STAND IN CENTRAL MARKET SOLD SMALL QUANTITY OF GOOD QUALITY KOLBASA AT 3.30 R.; GENERAL GROCERY AT CORNER OF STEFANA VELIKOGO AND KOMSOMOLSKAYA STREETS WAS OFFERING SMALL QUANTITIES OF VARIOUS VARIETIES OF KOLBASA AT PRICES RANGING FROM 2 TO 2.90 R. PER KILO. NO FISH STORES WERE VISITED, BUT OUTDOOR STAND AT CENTRAL MARKET WAS OFFERING FROZEN FLOUNDER OR ROCKFISH HACKED FROM BLOCKS AT 43 K. PER KILO TO LONG LINE OF HOUSEWIVES AND MALE PENSIONERS.

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3. FRUITS AND VEGETABLES APPEARED TO BE IN SHORT SUPPLY.

CENTRAL MARKET FRUIT AND VEGETABLE STORE OFFERED RAISINS AND DRIED PRUNES AND APRICOTS AT 1.20 R. PER KILO; ONLY FRESH FRUIT ON SALE WAS APPLES OF POOR QUALITY (SMALL, SHRIVELLED AND BRUISED) AT 50 K. POTATO PAVILION CARRIED POTATOES IN ADEQUATE QUNATTITIES BUT OF POOR QUALITY (EMBOFF HEARD COMPLAINTS THEY HAD BEEN FROZEN) AT UNIFORM RATE (SEVERAL SELLERS) OF 60 K. PER KILO. NO OTHER VEGETABLES WERE SEEN (ALTHOUGH SURVEY WAS ADMITTEDLY QUITE RAPID).

4. GENERAL GROCERY STORE IN NEW BUILDING ACROSS FROM NO. 112 FRUNZE STREET AND BREAD STORE NO. 13/16 ON CORNER OF STEFANA VELIKOGO AND KOTOVSKOGO STREETS OFFERED ADEQUATE QUANTITIES OF ALL USUAL VARIETIES, WITH MORE BROWN THAN EITHER BLACK OR WHITE.

5. SECOND-QUALITY EGGS WERE SELLING IN CENTRAL MARKET AT 13 K. PER EGG. STOESSEL

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